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SUBJECT: YARG CONSULAR FEES

1. COMMERCE OFFICER FROM CAGNE TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT JULY 15 TO REPORT COMPLAINTS FROM U.S. BUSINESSMEN SEEKING TO HAVE COMMERCIAL INVOICES NOTARIZED BY YARG CONSUL IN NEW YORK.

2. INSTEAD OF PREVIOUS DOLS 5 FLAT NOTARIAL FEE, U.S. SHIPPERS ARE NOW BEING CHARGED DOLS 10 PER PAGE, PLUS 1 1/2 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE TOTAL SHIPMENT. WE HAVE VERIFIED WITH YARG EMBASSY THAT THESE LATTER ARE INDEED FEES CURRENTLY IN FORCE. YAR EMBASSY, AWARE OF U.S. BUSINESS COMPLAINTS, HAS REQUESTED DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF FEES.

3. AS INTERIM MEASURE, WE AND COMMERCE ARE COUNSELLING U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO ADD CONSULAR FEES TO THEIR NORMAL COST, BILLING THE YEMENI RECIPIENTS ACCORDINGLY.

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4. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO RAISE THIS MATTER
WITH APPROPRIATE YARG OFFICIALS NOTING NET EFFECT OF IN-
CREASE IS TO LEVY INDIRECT TAX ON YEMENI BUSINESSMEN, AND
THAT IT DOES NOT FACILITATE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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